

## Message Text

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FM AMCONSUL DURBAN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1868

INFO AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

AMCONSUL JOHANNESBURG

AMCONSUL CAPE TOWN

UNCLAS DURBAN 0443

CAPE TOWN ALSO FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EWWT, SF

SUBJ: WORST-EVER SHIPPING CONGESTION AT DURBAN HARBOR

REF: DURBAN A-95

1. CONGESTION AT DURBAN HARBOR NOW WORST EVER WITH OVER 70 SHIPS OCCUPYING EVERY AVAILABLE BERTH INSIDE PORT AND 40 MORE ANCHORED OUTSIDE FACING DELAYS UP TO 14 DAYS.

2. REASONS FOR CURRENT SEVERE BUILD-UP INCLUDE:

- A) IMPOSITION OF CONGESTION SURCHARGES IDENTICAL TO DURBAN AT OTHER S.A. PORTS, ELIMINATING EARLIER COST ADVANTAGES, AGAIN MAKE DURBAN, CLOSEST TO WITWATERSRAND, LOGICAL PORT FOR MAJORITY SHIPMENTS.
- B) RECENT PROLONGED RAINS HAVE HAMPERED CARGO HANDLING ACTIVITY. PROBABLE THAT RAIN WILL CONTINUE TO DISRUPT ACTIVITIES PERIODICALLY AS NOW RAINY SEASON.

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- C) CARGO VOLUME NORMALLY INCREASES TOWARDS YEAR END,

PARTLY DUE CHRISTMAS IMPORTS.

3. SIGNIFICANT EASING OF CONGESTION DURING NEXT FEW WEEKS  
HIGHLY UNLIKELY.  
BERG

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